Modification in Transport Subsidy Scheme

@@2172. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govt. have recently approved certain modifications to the scheme for transport subsidy to certain States/ Union Territories; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the amendment to the Transport Subsidy Scheme, which will take effect from 1-9-93, transport subsidy would be available to units set up in specified areas for a period of 5 years from the date of commencement of commercial production, or till the expiry of the Scheme, whichever is earlier.

Slow Implementation of New Industrial Policy

2173. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Industrial Policy has not made much headway mainly because of poor response from the State Governments; and

(b) if so, whether Government have identified various reasons responsible for the slow implementation of Industrial Policy and if so, the reasons in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There has been significant rise in investment intentions, both domestic and foreign, after the announcement of the New Industrial Policy.

@@ Previously Unstarred Question 1306, Transferred from 4-8-93.

Liberalising Licencing Policy

2174. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what policy decisions have been taken by Government in the wake of liberalisation of Licencing Policy to remove "Inspector Raj" in S.S.I. Sector;

(b) whether trading licences have been discontinued in S.S.I. units to sell their products; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRY AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Govt. has simplified the procedure for registration. The restricted list has been disbanded. The procedure for consent under the Air and Water Pollution Laws has been simplified and shortened. State Govts. have been advised to increase the validity period of factory licence from one to five years. They have also been advised to transform the enforcement regime in such a way as to minimise undue harassment un-necessary inspections.

(b) No trading licence was in vogue to sell products.

(c) Does not arise.

Use of Industrial Robots

2175. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Industrial Robots are being used in the country at present; if so, the factories/ manufacturing plants using these Robots; and

(b) the suppliers of these Industrial Robots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Industrial Robots are currently being used in the country mainly by automobile industry, electronic industry and defence undertakings. Major suppliers of Industrial Robots in the country include:—